



## City of Warwick Mayoral Proclamation

**Whereas**, in the past 20 years, medical science has made great strides in learning about substance use and the nature of addiction; and,

**Whereas**, substance abuse is a major public health problem that affects millions of Americans of all ages, races, and ethnic backgrounds in all communities and which has a huge medical, societal, and economic cost; and,

**Whereas**, addiction is a chronic, relapsing illness that involves a number of brain chemistry disorders. Treatment for addiction is as effective as treatments for other chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure; and,

**Whereas**, thousands of health care providers have dedicated their lives to the recovery process and to the education of the public about alcoholism, drug dependence, and treatment issues; and,

**Whereas**, acknowledging September 2001 offers advocates of substance use treatment an opportunity to educate the public and policymakers about the effectiveness of treatment, both societal and financial; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, SCOTT AVEDISIAN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARWICK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM,**

**September, 2001**

**as**

**National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month**

in the City of Warwick, and invite all its citizens to join me in supporting this year's theme – "We Recover Together: Family, Friends and Community." – by supporting men, women, and youth who are in drug and alcohol addiction treatment and recovery.

In recognition whereof I have hereby set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Warwick to be hereunto affixed this 28th day of June, 2001.



**Scott Avedisian**  
**Mayor**